

Local Members Interest
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Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Tuesday 16 November 2021

VCSE Capacity Building Recommission

Recommendations

I recommend that:

- a. The Committee consider the attached draft Cabinet Report and its recommendations.
- b. The Committee provide feedback on the proposed commissioning of a new VCSE Capacity Building Framework, as well as their experiences of working with the VCSE sector in Staffordshire.

Report of Cllr Victoria Wilson, Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture

Summary

What is the Overview and Scrutiny Committee being asked to do and why?

1. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the attached draft Cabinet Report and provide feedback on their experiences working with the VCSE sector, as well as their views on the proposed new VCSE Capacity Building Framework.
2. This feedback will then be used to inform the final report ahead of discussion with Cabinet on 15th December as well as the final specification that goes to market in January 2022 (subject to Cabinet approval).

Report

Background

3. The Council's current arrangements for VCSE sector capacity building support are due to end on 31st July 2022.
4. With this in mind, a report is being taken to Cabinet in December that recommends that:

- a. Cabinet consider a brief update on our current approach to VCSE capacity building, including the findings of recent engagement with key stakeholders.
- b. Cabinet give approval to go out to market to commission a new VCSE Capacity Building Framework in January 2022.
- c. Cabinet delegate to the Director for Corporate Services the authority to award contracts from the new VCSE Capacity Building Framework.

Considerations for Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5. A draft of this Cabinet report is attached as appendix 1 to this report. It is recommended that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the findings and recommendations of this draft report, and share their views on the following:
 - a. Their experiences of working with the VCSE sector, particularly following Covid-19.
 - b. Their views on the proposed new VCSE Capacity Building Framework and the priorities it is aiming to achieve (as set out in the draft Cabinet Report).
6. The discussion with the Committee today will inform the final version of the report for Cabinet in December. Subject to approval by Cabinet, the discussion with the Committee will also inform the final specifications for the VCSE Capacity Building Framework ahead of going out to market in January 2022.

Link to Strategic Plan

7. A strong and sustainable VCSE sector is critical to the delivery of our strategic priorities, particularly the work of the Communities principle. This work is an action set out in the Communities Delivery Plan 2021/22, as agreed by Cabinet in December 2020.

Community Impact

8. A draft Community Impact Assessment (CIA) has been attached as appendix 2 to this report. This has been informed by stakeholder engagement that took place between May – June 2021. This CIA is still in draft and will continue to be developed ahead of Cabinet in December.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Appendix 1 – DRAFT Cabinet Report (15th December 2021) 'VCSE Capacity Building Recommission'

Appendix 2 – DRAFT Community Impact Assessment – VCSE Capacity Building Recommission

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